

### REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that Claims 11-13, 15 and 17-23 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Japanese patent to Ozawa in view of the U.S. patent to Adachi.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over the Ozawa and Adachi references, in view of the U.S. patent to Rich.

At some time the Examiner indicated that Claim 14 is objected to as being dependent upon the rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claim 14 has been gratefully acknowledged. In connection with this, Claim 11, the broadest claim on file, has been amended by introducing into it the features of Claim 14. The thusly amended Claim 11 is believed to be now in allowable condition.

Claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 18 depend on the amended Claim 11, they share its allowable features, and therefore it is respectfully submitted that they should be allowed as well.

At the same time applicants amended Claim 19 the broadest claim on file defining an electrical machine in accordance with the present invention, by introducing into it the features of Claim 23 and amending Claim 19 to define the structural limitations of the electrical machine comprising the stator. The features of Claim 23 substantially correspond to the features of the allowable Claim 14, and it is therefore believed that Claim 19 should be considered as being in allowable condition as well.

Claims 20, 21 and 22 depend on Claim 19, they share their allowable features, and they should be allowed as well.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application with all the claims currently on file is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal

discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549 4700.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Striker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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